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HISTORY  
OF THE  
**SOCIETY OF  
COLONIAL WARS**  
IN THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

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## MEMBERSHIP ROLL.

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HOLDEN, PROF. EDWARD SINGLETON, Astronomer, Lick Observatory.  
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PAYSON, CAPT. ALBERT HENRY, Capitalist, - - - San Mateo.  
PRESCOTT, FRANK CLARKE, Lawyer, - - - - - Redlands.  
ROSS, HON. ERSKINE MAYO, United States Circuit Judge, Los Angeles.  
THOM, HON. CAMERON ERSKINE, Lawyer, ex-Mayor, - Los Angeles.  
THORPE, ANDREW ROANE, Dentist, - - - - - Los Angeles.  
THORPE, SPENCER ROANE, Rancher, - - - - - Los Angeles.

## OFFICERS 1896.

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*Governor,*

HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS,  
Los Angeles.

*Deputy Governor,*

HON. ERSKINE MAYO ROSS.

*Lieutenant Governor,*

LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN, U. S. A.

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First and Spring Sts., Los Angeles

*Registrar,*

EDWARD THOMAS HARDEN.

*Historian,*

BRADNER WELLS LEE.

*Chancellor,*

GEORGE JULES DENIS.

*Surgeon,*

JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES, M. D.

*Chaplain,*

REV. ALEXANDER MOSS MERWIN.

*Gentlemen of the Council.*

SPENCER ROANE THORPE, *Chairman.*

REV. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BREWER,

WILLARD ATHERTON NICHOLS,

CHARLES PUTNAM FENNER,

MOTLEY HEWES FLINT,

HON. CAMERON ERSKINE THOM,

HENRY ATHERTON NICHOLS,

ANDREW ROANE THORPE,

FRANK CLARKE PRESCOTT.

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SPENCER ROANE THORPE.

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REV. ALEXANDER MOSS MERWIN.

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PROF. EDWARD SINGLETON HOLDEN,

CAPT. ALBERT HENRY PAYSON,

FRANK CLARKE PRESCOTT,

HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS.

*Alternates.*

PROF. ALLEN LYSAKED COLTON,

MOTLEY HEWES FLINT,

HON. CAMERON ERSKINE THOM,

EDWARD THOMAS HARDEN,

HENRY ATHERTON NICHOLS.

*Committee on Entertainment.*

FRANK PUTNAM FLINT,

GEORGE JULES DENIS,

CHARLES PUTNAM FENNER,

JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES, M. D.

FRANK CLARKE PRESCOTT.

*Deputy Governor General.*

SPENCER ROANE THORPE.

## HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY.

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ON THE fourteenth day of May, 1895, at a Council General of the Society of Colonial Wars, held at Baltimore, Maryland, Holdridge Ozro Collins, residing at Los Angeles, California, a member of the New York Society, was elected State Secretary for California.

On Saturday, the thirtieth day of November, 1895, the following named gentlemen, upon the invitation of Holdridge Ozro Collins and George Jules Denis, assembled in the office of the United States District Attorney for the Southern District of California, at the United States Government building, Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of organizing a Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California, with its headquarters at Los Angeles, viz: Holdridge Ozro Collins, a member of the New York Society of Colonial Wars, Secretary for the State of California, George Jules Denis, United States District Attorney, a member of the New York Society of Colonial Wars, Major William Anthony Elderkin, U. S. A., Charles Putnam Fenner, Frank Putnam Flint, Motley Hughes Flint, John Randolph Haynes, M. D., Edward Thomas Harden, Bradner Wells Lee, the Rev. Alexander Moss Merwin, Willard Atherton Nichols, Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross, Judge of the United States Circuit Court, Ninth Circuit, Andrew Roane Thorpe, and Spencer Roane Thorpe.

The following named gentlemen were invited to be present at the said meeting, but being unable to attend, they were represented by certain of the foregoing named gentlemen who

were present; viz., the Rev. William Augustus Brewer, Harry Woodville Latham, Henry Atherton Nichols, Josiah Alonzo Osgood, Hon. Cameron Erskine Thom, ex-Mayor of Los Angeles.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Collins, whereupon Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross was selected as Chairman, and Charles Putnam Fenner as Secretary. Mr. Collins thereupon stated the object of the meeting, in a thoughtful and well considered address, and after a general discussion of the subject, resolutions were adopted that the gentlemen present at the meeting organize themselves into a Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California, subject to approval and confirmation by the General Society, and also that they accept as the eligibility qualification for membership, Article II of the Constitution of the General Society, and that they adopt for their temporary government so much of the Constitution and By-laws of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York as might be applicable to the State of California.

The following officers were thereupon chosen: Governor, Holdridge Ozro Collins; Deputy Governor, Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross; Lieutenant Governor, Major William Anthony Elderkin, U. S. A.; Secretary, Harry Woodville Latham; Treasurer, Frank Putnam Flint; Registrar, Edward Thomas Harden; Historian, Bradner Wells Lee; Chancellor, George Jules Denis; Surgeon, John Randolph Haynes, M. D.; Chaplain, the Rev. Alexander Moss Merwin; Gentlemen of the Council, Spencer Roane Thorpe, Chairman, the Rev. William Augustus Brewer, Willard Atherton Nichols, Charles Putnam Fenner, Josiah Alonzo Osgood, Motley Hughes Flint, Hon. Cameron Erskine Thom, Henry Atherton Nichols, Andrew Roane Thorpe.

A petition to the General Society which had theretofore been prepared, was signed by all the gentlemen present and represented at this meeting, praying for a charter to the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California. On the

10th day of December, 1895, the petition for a charter was mailed to the Secretary-General of the General Society of Colonial Wars. On December 19, 1895, the petition for the charter was granted by the General Council of Colonial Wars, and the official notification thereof was received by the Governor of this Society on Christmas morning, December 25, 1895.

On the 7th day of March, 1896, the First General Court of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California was held, followed by a banquet, in pursuance of a proclamation issued by the Governor, which was as follows:

From  
H. O. COLLINS,  
Los Angeles.

For Y<sup>e</sup> hande of y<sup>e</sup> Moste Worshyppefull

In y<sup>e</sup> Goodlie Cittie of

Situate in y<sup>e</sup> Pleasaunt Province of

These.

Postmanne,  
Ride haste, post-haste with speede,  
for thy lyffe, for thy lyffe, for thy lyffe.

Society of Colonial Wars  
on the  
State of California.

By ye  
Governor,  
A Proclamation:

Ye First General Court of y<sup>e</sup> Society of Colonial Wars in  
y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealth of California will be convened atte  
y<sup>e</sup> hour of ~~even~~, in y<sup>e</sup> evening of March 7, 1896, atte

y<sup>e</sup> Tavern of Jeremiah Illich on ~~Th~~ird street in y<sup>e</sup> Goodlie Cittie of Los Angeles. After y<sup>e</sup> Enactment of such Laws as y<sup>e</sup> Council recommend or y<sup>e</sup> members propose, y<sup>e</sup> General Court will Adjourn to partake of a Refreshment of Clams, Succotash, y<sup>e</sup> Delectable Porke and Beanes, Pumpkin-pie, Chestnuts, Apples and Cider, to be served by y<sup>e</sup> landlord at y<sup>e</sup> ridiculous charge of \$2.50.

**Y**e Committee of Arrangements request that You will inform y<sup>m</sup> Promptly by y<sup>e</sup> enclosed Card if You will attend.

**Y**e Treasurer will refuse to draw his Warrant for y<sup>e</sup> Pay and mileage of all Absent Members.

Y<sup>e</sup> INSIGNIA will be worn.

Dated y<sup>e</sup> Twenty-Seventh day of February, A. D., 1896.

*Holdridge Ozo Collins,*

Governor.

By y<sup>e</sup> Governor,

HARRY WOODVILLE LATHAM,

Secretary.

SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS,  
FIRST GENERAL COURT  
IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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ON THE 7th day of March, 1896, at the banquet hall of the restaurant of Jerry Illich, in the city of Los Angeles, the members of the Society met, pursuant to proclamation. The following were present: Holdridge Ozro Collins, George Jules Denis, Charles Putnam Fenner, Frank Putnam Flint, Motley Hughes Flint, Edward Thomas Harden, Harry Woodville Latham, Bradner Wells Lee, Frank Clarke Prescott, Hon. Cameron Erskine Thom, Spencer Roane Thorpe, Hon. Erskine Mayo Ross, Major William Anthony Elderkin, U. S. A., and John Randolph Haynes, M. D.

The meeting was called to order for the transaction of the business of the Society. The record of the original organization of the Society was then read and approved. The resignation of Josiah Alonzo Osgood as a member of the Council and Society was received and accepted. Frank Clarke Prescott was thereupon elected as a member of the Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Josiah Alonzo Osgood. By-laws for the government of the Society, which had been previously prepared, were thereupon discussed, and finally adopted. Prof. Edward Singleton Holden and Bradner Wells Lee were appointed a committee to act with the Governor of the Society in the selection of a seal. A motion to incorporate the Society under the laws of the State of California was made, and after discussion it seemed to be the general opinion that the incorporation of the Society at present was not desirable, and the motion was thereupon lost. The Court thereupon adjourned.

A meeting of the Council was then held, and business pertaining to the Society was thereupon transacted. The following members constituting the Committee on Membership were then appointed: Bradner Wells Lee, John Randolph Haynes, M. D., George Jules Denis, Frank Putnam Flint, and Harry Woodville Latham. Council then adjourned.

The following delightful menu was then enjoyed by the members of the Society, and the responses to the toasts which followed were listened to with great interest:

Menu....

Clams on Half Shell

Olives	Tomatoes	Radis
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Potage	Riesling	Consomme a la Royale
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	POISSON	
Ventre de Saumon, sauce Crevette		
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<b>Medoc</b>		
ENTREES		
Ris de veau, sauce Champignons		
Cotelettes d'agneau, aux petits pois		
Filet de Boeuf larde a la Perigord		
Pigeons Braises aux Olives		
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Petits Pois	LEGUMES	Asperges
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ROTIS		
Cochon de lait, apple sauce		
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Omelette Soufflee	DESSERT	Fruits de la Saison
Strawberries		
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FROMAGE		
Roquefort	Creme	Gruyere
Cafe Royal		
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**Our Country**

HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS

Governor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of California

**King Philip's War**

JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES, M. D.

Surgeon of the Society

**Argent, Two Bars Gules**

FRANK CLARKE PRESCOTT

**The Military Power of the United States**

MAJOR WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN, U. S. A.

Lieutenant Governor of the Society

**Auld Lang Syne**

The Governor of the Society read the following letter of regret which had been received from the Society of Colonial Dames in the State of California:

To y<sup>e</sup>

HONORED GOVERNOR, AND Y<sup>E</sup> GENTLEMEN  
O Y<sup>E</sup> FIRST GENERAL COURTE O Y<sup>E</sup>  
COMMONWEALTH O CALIFORNIE.

Written in y<sup>e</sup> goodlie  
Cittie o San Francisco  
March y<sup>e</sup> seventhe

A. D. 1896.

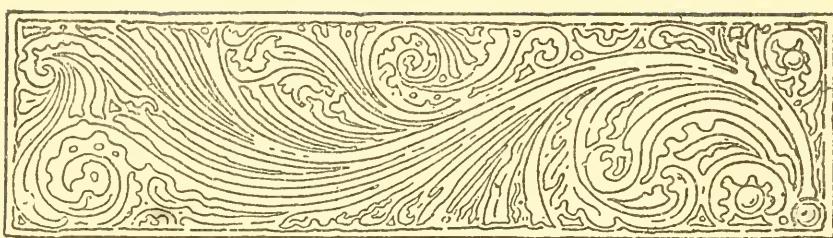
To y<sup>e</sup>

GOVERNOR

and companie of y<sup>e</sup> Firste General Courte o y<sup>e</sup>  
Societie o Colonial Wars in y<sup>e</sup> Commonwealthe o California,  
Greeting:

Y<sup>e</sup> Companie o Coloniale Dames residente in y<sup>e</sup> State o  
California through their honored Chairmann Mistress Selden  
S. Wright do presente their compliments to y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen o  
y<sup>e</sup> Firste General Courte. They truste that y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen will  
enacte such Laws as maie be juste and mercifulle and for y<sup>e</sup>  
goode of oure faire countrie, and they expresse y<sup>e</sup> hope that  
they maie sometime meete y<sup>e</sup> honored Gentlemen around a  
hospitable boarde, and discusse a bille o fayre as delectable as  
that enjoyed by y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen o y<sup>e</sup> Firste General Courte on  
ye<sup>e</sup> eveninge o y<sup>e</sup> seventhe o Marche in y<sup>e</sup> yeare o oure Lorde  
one thousande eighteen hundrede and ninety-six post merid-  
ian atte y<sup>e</sup> saide Taverne in y<sup>e</sup> goodlie cittie o Los Angeles.

With greate respecte, y<sup>e</sup> Coloniale Dames o America  
residente in y<sup>e</sup> State o California.



Holdridge Ozro Collins, Governor of the Society, then read the following paper:

### OUR COUNTRY.

GENTLEMEN:

It has been said, very wittily, that when our ancestors landed upon this continent they first fell upon their knees, and then upon the aborigines. While this picturesque statement may not be historically correct, at least it strikingly illustrates the characteristics of those ancient worthies, for, with the bible in one hand, and the sword in the other, like Cromwell's Ironsides, they were equally ready to fight or to pray.

In 1620, November 11, old style, the Mayflower anchored at Cape Cod, in what is now Provincetown harbor, and on that date the famous compact was signed, and Bancroft asserts that "this was the birthplace of popular constitutional liberty" (U. S., Vol. I, p. 310). Mr. Goodwin, in his "Pilgrim Republic", says that Provincetown "may justly claim to be the birthplace of the free and equal government which now spans the continent" (p. 65).

"Voltaire said of William Penn's treaty, 'It was the only one ever concluded between savages and christians that was not ratified with an oath, and the only one that was never broken.'

"This is an error. The treaty made at Plymouth in April, 1621, between the Pilgrims and Massasoit, Grand Sachem of the Confederated Tribes of Pokanoket, was ratified by no oath, nor was it broken during the lifetime of any of the contracting parties."

Massasoit died in 1660, leaving two sons, Mooanum, or Wamsutta, and Pomartarken, or Metacom. The General Court at Plymouth gave to Wamsutta the name of Alexander Pokanoket, and to Metacon the name of Philip.

This latter was the Grand Sachem, that heroic Indian Warrior, "King" Philip, whose valorous deeds have a peculiar interest to this Society by reason of the participation of the ancestors of so many of our members in that famous war, which culminated in King Philip's overthrow at the Great Swamp Fight.

The Reverends Merwin and Brewer, Dr. Haynes, Prof. Holden, Mr. Latham and your Governer, have placed upon the records of this Society the story of the participation of their ancestors, soldiers from Massachusetts and Connecticut, in that memorable battle, which secured a permanent relief for those colonies from Indian aggressions.

The story of the development of the dissociated colonies, and their rapid growth into a one harmonious people forms the very acme of romance in our history.

The rugged Puritan, with his stubborn resistance to despotism, insisting upon that liberty for religious observance which he knew to be one of the inalienable rights of his existence; the sturdy Dutchman of New York, who brought from the dykes of his native Holland those institutions of free government which he had saved from the devastating hand of Spanish Phillip, and which to this day form some of the most prominent features of our civil polity; the patient plodding Swede of New Jersey with the memory of his two great Saints—Martin Luther and Gustavus Adolphus—enshrined in his heart; the religious tolerance of the Roman Catholic of Maryland, who, like the Puritan of Connecticut sought a new land for worship in a faith which to him had become broader than a mere ritual; the Scotchman with his rigid adherence to the Covenant, the musical Welshman, the irrepressible Irishman, and the industrious Englishman, all of Pennsylvania; the Cavalier of Virginia, that home of unswerving loyalty to all her ideals, and the mother of that great man who stands as the exemplar for all true Americanism, our own Washington, and the Huguenot of the Carolinas,

with his curious combination of Calvanistic predestination and fore-ordination, and the charming ease and gaiety of the mercurial Frenchman, have all become inseparably welded into one great nation, whose people, inheriting those traits of unrelenting fidelity to principle which dominated the actions of their ancestors, and, cherishing their memory with reverential gratitude for the patient endurance of those toils which gave us this noble heritage, have become elevated to a more gentle life, in an environment of higher intellectual culture and more refined social intercourse, and whose lot, we are proud to believe, is the happiest upon the earth.

We are here tonight by reason of the deeds of our ancestors while subjects of England, and fighting under the British flag. For the services of England, in the advancement of political, social and religious liberty throughout the world, no member of this Society, or of the intelligent population of this country will withhold his meed of praise. She has been the great mother of the world to sustain her children in the darkest hours of the advance towards freedom and enlightenment. But this should not blind us to the *certainty*, that the belief, generally prevailing in the United States, that it is to England we owe most of our principles of public polity, and the establishment of those institutions and laws which have elevated us to so high a plane of enlightenment and prosperity, has no foundation in the truth. Hear what Douglas Campbell says:

In Colonial New York "were free schools, the system of recording deeds and mortgages, lands held in common by the towns, all under Dutch rule; here the doctrine was first laid down by a legislative assembly that the *people* are the source of political authority; here were first established permanent religious freedom, the right of petition and the freedom of the press. On the other hand, here were no executions of witches or Quakers, and no kidnaping and enslavement of Indians."

Our country “was settled by men of diverse nationalities. It has always been cosmopolitan. Its institutions differ radically from those of England. The modes of thought of its people are not English.”

“Instead of the institutions of the United States being derived from England, it is a curious fact that, while we have in the main, English *social* customs and traits of character, we have scarcely a legal or political institution of importance which is of English origin, and but few which have come to us by the way of England.”

“Looking at our legal system today it can almost be said that everything in it consistent with natural justice comes from Rome, and that everything incongruous, absurd and unjust, is a survival of English customs and English legislation.”

“Whatever America has accomplished, whether for good or evil, has been largely the result of cutting loose from old English traditions, and developing republican ideas.”

(The Puritan in Holland, England and America.)

In the foregoing statement one reservation is made. We are English in our social customs, and the dinner here, as with our British cousins, has become the great factor in the brighter part of our life.

Carlyle says that “the future of the world depends upon cooks,” and an English poet has embodied the same idea in his more graceful lines :

“We may live without poetry, music and art ;  
We may live without conscience, and live without heart ;  
We may live without friends, we may live without books,  
But civilized man cannot live without cooks.  
He may live without books—what is knowledge but grieving ?  
He may live without hope—what is hope but deceiving ?  
He may live without love—what is passion but pining ?  
But where is the man that can live without dining ?”

Someone once said that were the earth to be blown to pieces, there would be found Englishmen to celebrate the event by a dinner upon one of the fragments.

So we, with our English traits of fellowship, bearing in mind what gentle Izaak Walton says that "it is the company and not the charge that makes the feast," assemble at this table to commemorate the organization of a Society, erected upon a foundation of ancestral association, and whose key-stone is our reverence for their heroic deeds. And, as the storm-tossed Pilgrims, after their landing at Plymouth, were greeted by the Mohegan Sachem Saimoset with the word "welcome," so, as one of the oldest members of the Society of Colonial Wars, and as Governor in this jurisdiction, I bid you welcome to this reunion; welcome to this board, and welcome to membership in an organization embracing the flower of the intellectual vigor of this land, and recruited from the sons of the makers of this Republic.

I give you this toast:

Behold my wineglass, 'tis filled to the brim  
With soul-stirring nectar, and I drink it to him  
Who feels, as he kisses its contents away  
It was made to gladden, and not to betray.  
For wine is like woman, and like her was given  
To man on earth as a foretaste of heaven.  
Like her eye it sparkles; like her cheek it glows  
When pressed to the lips of the lover who knows  
How to keep and cherish these treasures of earth;  
For him was woman made, for him the wine's birth.  
Then fill up your glasses, fill quite to the brim,  
And drink with me to the health of him,  
Who feels as he kisses its contents away  
It was made to gladden and not to betray.

And with the words of Macbeth:

" Come, love and health to all !  
Then I'll sit down. Give me some wine ; fill full !  
I drink to the general joy of the whole table."



John Randolph Haynes, M. D., was then introduced by the Governor, and read the following paper on "King Philip's War":

"KING PHILIP'S WAR."

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND MEMBERS:

THE most important event in the early history of the Colonies was King Philip's War—a fight for existence on the part of the whites and for the annihilation of the hated English on the part of the Indians. This war is, doubtless, of especial interest to the gentlemen present whose ancestors were participants therein. Allow me to recall to your recollection some facts in the antecedent history of the peoples engaged in this conflict.

During the latter part of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth centuries, in "the golden days of good Queen Bess" and of her treacherous successor, "the gentle Jamie," the English people were divided into Romanists, members of the Church of England, and Dissenters.

The assumption of royalty and the Court party that the occupant of the throne stood in the same relation to the English Church as did the Pope to the Church of Rome, caused the formation of a low Church party, the Puritans, who were ridiculed, persecuted, fined and often imprisoned.

Such, however, is the inconsistency of human nature that the Puritans not only opposed separation from the English Church as a deadly sin, but helped their oppressors to bitterly prosecute, convict and hang the Dissenters or Separatists for their opinions.

The Separatists, our Pilgrim forefathers, believed in the Separation of Church from State, and in the Congregational doctrine as taught today. For boldly advocating their views their property was confiscated. They were reviled and im-

prisoned, and so inhumanly treated while there, that they died by hundreds from disease, exposure and starvation. Like the Russian of today, in his treatment of the Jews, the Established Church exiled them and hunted them down like wild beasts as they were endeavoring to reach a foreign land. Finally a number reached Holland, where they spent twelve hard, laborious years.

Hearing that they might be merged with the people of the country, they decided to form a new England in a new world.

Thereupon, in 1620, about one hundred men, women and children went to England and embarked in the Mayflower under Captain Jones. After many tribulations and delays and hardships they reached Cape Cod far to the north of the Virginia jurisdiction in which they had a warrant. Before landing, a compact of Government (which was the earliest written constitution in history) was drawn up and signed by the forty-one Pilgrims. After several explorations they landed at Plymouth, December 21st, 1620. Their subsequent suffering from exposure, famine and disease is well known.

The Puritans, in turn, becoming tired of the intolerance of the Church, settled first at Salem in 1628, and then at Boston in 1630. This was the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Some of the members of this Colony desiring greater religious and political freedom, settled in Rhode Island. Others, from the Massachusetts Colony and Plymouth, wishing more territory, emigrated to Connecticut. In 1643 the Colonies founded a Confederacy for protection against the Indians.

The Indian nations, with whom the Colonists came in contact, occupied about thirty miles of the sea-coast, extending from Maine to the Connecticut River.

The Pequots, the strongest and fiercest of these nations (with the exception of the Mohegans, who, under Uncas, had withdrawn from them) were exceedingly hostile to the whites, and were it not for the enmity that existed between the

Pequots and the next powerful nation, the Narragansetts, their neighbors on the south, the whites and smaller tribes would have been annihilated.

The third important nation was the Pokonoket. Massasoit, of the Wampanoag tribe, was Grand Sachem of this nation, and formed an alliance with the Plymouth Colony for protection against the two stronger nations. This treaty lasted over forty years, and until all parties concerned in it were dead, when it was broken by Massasoit's second son, Philip.

That the Indians were hostile to the Colonists is not to be wondered at. A Captain Hunt visited the coast about six years prior to the coming of the Pilgrims, and seized twenty-seven Indians, taking them to England as slaves.

The pestilence which swept the coast to Narragansett Bay, some years before, had greatly reduced the numbers of the tribes. The further lessening of the Chiefs' power and numbers by proselytism made them jealous and revengeful. Massasoit, the Wampanoag, and Uncas, the Mohegan, although the firm friends of the English, never allowed proselytizing among their people when they could prevent it. In 1675 Philip's immediate tribe was limited to three hundred men, women and children.

It is alleged by some that Alexander, Massasoit's elder son, was foully dealt with by the Pilgrims, but this is disproved.

Philip believed, from the sympathy he received from the Puritans when visiting Boston, and from the unfriendly tenor of their remarks when speaking of the Pilgrims, that the Massachusetts Bay Colony would not assist Plymouth.

The occasion of the outbreak was the execution, after a fair trial, of the three Indians who had murdered Sassamon, the Indian preacher.

From the fact that Philip was ill prepared for war—his number being small and his arms few—it is probable he merely

contemplated harassing the Colonists with possibly a view to being paid to resume peaceful relations.

The Indians had no just grounds for discontent. The Colonists paid for all lands occupied; succored the Indians; and treated their complaints with such justice, that the settlers complained of the partiality shown them. This policy of conciliation, although perfectly right, probably weakened Philip's respect for the authorities at Plymouth, and may have been one of the causes of the war.

As early as the summer of 1662 rumors of the hostile feeling of the Wampanoags reached the Colonists. Nothing definite occurred, however, until the attack on Swansea in June, 1675. Here the people had abandoned watch to attend a Fast-day service, although a house had been plundered the day before. Ten men were killed, and houses rifled and burned.

Aid was received from Boston, and after ten days pursuit was commenced, when Philip was followed into Mount Hope Peninsula. Then it was found he had paddled across into Pocasset Swamp. The pursuit rested for nearly three weeks. Philip in the meantime killing people and burning houses at Dartmouth and at other villages.

Benjamin Church, the settlers' best Indian fighter, although hampered by the authorities, managed after two skirmishes to drive Philip back into Pocasset Swamp. The Colonists exposing themselves to the enemy, made an attack, but lost five men. Using more caution they drove the savages back into the Swamp, and then, light failing, retired to the neck of the Peninsula. After remaining on guard for ten days with the hope of starving the Indians into surrender, they found that the fighting men had escaped on rafts up the Taunton River, leaving the women and children behind.

They were pursued, thirty Indians killed, and much plunder recovered. The care of this plunder, it is said, caused them to drop the pursuit.

Philip escaped into Central Massachusetts, where he took refuge with the Nipmucks, and from this time on he seemed to take no active part in the war.

The Colonists then warned Canonchet, the Sachem of the Narragansett tribes, not to harbor Philip's women and children. This he refused to do. He had not forgotten that some years before, the Pilgrims had delivered his father, Miantonomio, into the hands of his hereditary enemy, Uncas, the Moliegan, who promptly murdered him. Up to the time of the Pocasset Swamp fight Canonchet had been entirely neutral, but now he withdrew to an island in Cedar Swamp, about ten miles south of Wickford, R. I., where he commenced building extensive and strong fortifications, and prepared for the winter.

The united Colonists, alarmed by rumors that the Indians intended to drive them out of the country in the spring, declared war against the Narragansetts in November, 1675.

One thousand men from Massachusetts Colony, Connecticut and Plymouth, under the command of General Josiah Winslow of Plymouth, met at Pettisquamscot in Rhode Island December 18, 1675, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

The garrison house having been destroyed by Indians a few days before, they encamped in the open field. It was bitterly cold. They broke camp before daybreak, and commenced the march towards the Swamp, ten miles away, in the face of a driving snow-storm, which had set in the night before.

About one o'clock, cold and weary, they came to the edge of the Swamp, where they charged upon the Indians on the outskirts who escaped into the fort.

Crossing the ice (which alone made the fort pregnable, and which the Indians apparently had not taken into account), and guided by an Indian they had captured on the march, they reached a narrow, unfinished corner of the fort. Here they were met by a galling fire (two captains being killed) and repulsed several times.

After the firing had somewhat diminished a grand rush was made for the fort, the entrance taken, and the left flanker captured. The Massachusetts men who were in the lead were now joined by the Connecticut troops in the face of a terrible fire, the right flanker and the block-house were taken. The Indians were driven back, in hand to hand fight, into their camp of wigwams, which proved good intrenchments for them while they fired on the English with deadly effect; and not until the wigwams were fired did the carnage cease. The Plymouth Company and the Massachusetts troops, who had been held in reserve outside in the Swamp, had several skirmishes, but the battle was within the fort.

After the wigwams, with their enormous quantities of provisions had been fired and the Swamp beaten by the troopers for Indians, the little army with its wounded started on its midnight march back to Wickford. It is claimed that some thirty-four wounded men were frozen to death on the homeward march, and that this same march was one of the greatest blunders of the war.

The English lost about sixty-eight men and one hundred and fifty were wounded. Three hundred Indians were killed, and three hundred and fifty men and three hundred women and children taken prisoners in this the crucial battle of the war.

In the spring the war began again. On March 22d, the men at Clark's garrison-house went to church at Plymouth three miles away, leaving the heavy gates open. On their way back they saw their fort burning and found their women and children killed.

Two weeks later, Captain Peirce's fine company of men was destroyed, and in May part of Plymouth was burned.

Philip, turned out by the Nipmucks, returned to Mount Hope where he was surprised by Captain Church and killed.

The death of Philip practically ended the war, though skirmishings were frequent for five months more.

The war was very disastrous to the Colonists. Thirteen towns were destroyed, six hundred houses burned, and six hundred people—mostly able-bodied men—killed. £150,000 worth of property was destroyed, including eight hundred cattle.

From first to last our forefathers' conduct of the war was a series of most stupendous blunders.

Imagine, in an Indian country, during a bloody war, ninety-five fellows escorting some carts of grain, piling their guns upon the carts and scattering through the woods in search of wild grapes. Of course they were killed to a man.

On another occasion, twelve men started for the mill at Springfield, and because their arms were rather heavy to carry, they left them at home. The twelve were killed.

After the great fight the Colonists should have remained in the Indian fort, cared for their wounded, and returned to their homes on a more favorable occasion.

But if ever people were energetic, hardy, long-enduring and lion-hearted, they were; and if we did not regard the memory of our New England ancestors with respect, admiration and loving kindness, we were base ingrates.

For the history in detail of this war I would like to refer you to Goodwin's "Pilgrim Republic", and to the addresses of the Rev. George M. Bodge of Massachusetts, and of Capt. Philip Reed of Illinois, found in the publications of their respective Societies, and which are very interesting reading.



Frank Clarke Prescott then responded to the toast, "Argent, Two Bars Gules", and read the following paper:

ARGENT, TWO BARS GULES.

AS A PATRIOTIC, hereditary society, organized to preserve the memories and landmarks of honored ancestors and their distinguished services, I take it that family heirlooms are not beneath the consideration of the members of the California Society of Colonial Wars. At this First General Court I desire to go on record as endorsing the preservation of the science of heraldry, as being the most graceful and distinctive of the conspicuous features in the life and customs of our forefathers and one of the most valuable pledges we have of the integrity of genealogy.

The precedents for its use in this republic began with the first crusade, continued through the many efforts made to vindicate Christendom in the Holy Land and came down to our own Colonial times unimpaired in its sentimental significance and practical uses adapted to the changing customs of a people evolving both in methods of dress, government and warfare.

All through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the men of dignity and potency in the American colonies, who were laying the broad and deep foundations of liberty and nursing and shaping those characters and sentiments which culminated in the full realization of independence and national pride, were not ashamed to recognize the graceful blazonry which decorated their seals and honored their progenitors.

At the supreme moment when, in obedience to a higher feudal lord, the great American turned against his sovereign, and, true to liberty, severed the old relations, the integrity of family and its evidences were not disturbed, and we find Washington abiding by and continuing the use of *argent, two bars gules*, of his house.

The States, dissenting from tyranny, but loyal to the refinements and memories of their peoples, adopted coats of arms as emblems of sovereignty, and their community possessions or achievements, and the new States to this day preserve the custom.

The federal government, christened in the spirit of prophecy, with the elastic name "United States of America", displayed upon its escutcheon pinions that might wing from Hawaii to Cuba, and teach republican heraldry to more feudal heralds.

And, as though the institution belonged of right in human life and by divine authority, the prophet tells us the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron saying, "Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house."

Practical use demonstrates the recognition of such signs when every court of record, every corporation, and most public officers whose acts form any historical links in business, land titles or heirship, are required to use seals carefully emblazoned. Searchers of pedigree and those charged with the solving of questions of property rights by succession, concede the value of family coats of arms and artists, dignifying and refining daily lives with tasteful environment, find the crest not too ostentatious for proper effects.

But were the *lion gardent* or the *stag passant* of no greater significance than in the humble function of decorating family plate, there would be no occasion for the criticism of the socialist or the argument of the conservative. The merit in the inherited shield and crest is their indication of pride of ancestry and pledge of fealty to inherited rights. Heraldry, as an emblazoned escutcheon, is a work of art; as an inherited family and national heirloom, it is a sacred sentiment. The *eagle displayed* is a convenient mark on a twenty-dollar gold-piece in the channels of commerce. The same *eagle displayed* may be a pledge of protection to Venezuelan integrity and

Cuban freedom. The charges handed down to us by ancestors who chose them and signalized them in chivalrous valor are pledges of our own fealty to right and justice, to individualize us and put us under such obligations to right government and honorable private life that pride alone will keep us faithful. It is the prescriptive, the permanent, the abiding side of our natures that heraldry in this age appeals to.

Between the socialist and the monarchist, between him who asks a community of goods and lands, and him who sees the golden age in the time of feudal lords and helpless vassals, where is the happy mean? Surely, in a combination of the grace and dignity of the old life and the enlarged freedom and activity of the new.

In the attitude of that statesman who made liberty the synonym of America, and in whom, as he was the highest type of patriot, we should find the pattern for citizenship, and whose character and life should furnish inspiration for modern statecraft, and by whose opinions lines of principle should be drawn, along which the national spirit should develop. The style of man that Washington was, is the style of citizen who will best perpetuate his country's greatness. Not only in Washington the captain, but in Washington the gentleman. Not only in the Washington whose rebellious sword resisted the senseless and criminal obstinacy of his king, but in the Washington who preserved in the simplicities of a republican court the refinements, the graceful honors, the chivalrous valor of the old *regime*. Not only in the Washington who vehemently and abruptly deprecated the suggestion of a crown, but in the Washington whose signet remained to his death "argent, two bars gules"; the type of gentleman, of noble, if you please, whose delicacy of patriotism has left the country he founded in doubt as to whether the stars and stripes of its escutcheon were suggested by the bars and mullets of the shield of his family. In this there is the

happy medium which would suggest that the graces of the old political life be preserved in the simplicities of the new. Not to temper but to adorn liberty, not to curb but by prescriptive hold on its older forms, to anchor it.

Is it not time, now that the nation has workmen to spare from pioneering, to cease ridiculing those who would polish the corners of the temple? That boorishness cease to be a boast. Washington, in every instinct, sympathized with those men of affairs of the old school whose memories we honor today. He made their spirit of dignified regard for precedent and property rights his inspiration. He endorsed that spirit. We inherit it, and no demagoguery shall intimidate us, if we are true patriots and true gentlemen of this Society, into dangerous concessions to popular clamors of the hour.

Someone has said that politics makes cowards of us all. It is the serious business of this Society, or I misjudge it, to deny the paraphrase and prove that there are those of tried blood who understand the primal personal rights that must be preserved through all the changes of community relations and whose honor is pledged by the ensigns of their father's house.

Heredity is a fact, heraldry, its talismans, need not be ignored.

The part heraldry should play in America is the part Washington gave it—preserved and emphasized to preserve and emphasize the duties chivalrous freedom imposes.

I would not compromise this company by anything heterodox but, conceding the constitutional right of every person to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and to equal protection therein according to law, I believe that nature's orders of nobility cannot be abolished, and until the millennium—until the last boor has been made gentle—there

must be distinctions of birth, breeding and parts which the vizored helmet will not broaden. I thank heaven that I shall not live to see the day when the social landscape will be a dead level; when the lights and shadows of genius and affection will all be toned down to one dead gray and personal effort, and individual enterprise will be deadened into a treadmill of absolute, uninteresting and unchangeable equality. No coats of arms, no glittering banners, no flashing steel, no lofty mountains, no green valleys, no roaring cataracts or rippling streams, no sunshine, no clouds, no deeds of valor nor sacrifices of affection, no ancestors, no posterity. The millennium of socialism.

Rather give me the pleasing gradations of this evening where I stand amid excellencies that do not rival. Where the ermine, charged with the scales, gives an honored precedence to our Deputy Governor, the Honorable Erskine Mayo Ross. Where comely vigor and manly grace make our Secretary, Harry Woodville Latham, our Appollo Belvidere; and by deeds of valor at the festal board, undismayed among glittering ranks of gory wine glasses, our Chancellor, George Jules Denis, also comely, also vigorous, sits an Appolinaris Belvidere; where His Excellency, Holdridge Ozro Collins, our Governor, accepts and wears gracefully the honors thrust upon him, rather than be thrust out of a fifth-story window. Where I myself, distinguished by a marked individuality most embarrassingly conspicuous as being the only member of the Society who does not have an office, may look forward to the time when my lord, Justice McKinstry, shall come up with me into honorable publicity as a high private and we may sit in banc.

I am not disconcerted, therefore, that in the Society of the Colonial Wars the tapestry is drawn aside and the light falls from out history through stained glass windows charged with the leopard's face and the boar's head, with the chevron

and the ermine; that it gleams on a helmet and throws into relief a crest. The stars and stripes have lost no *prestige* in the possibility that the charges of Washington's arms suggested their characteristics. But to the contrary, there seems an added sanctity to that standard which has upon it, in bars and mullets, the pledges of the good faith of the blood of Washington.



Major William Anthony Elderkin, U. S. A., then read the following paper, upon

### "THE MILITARY POWER OF THE UNITED STATES."

**T**O be called upon to respond for "The Army" is an honor and responsibility that I always appreciate, but to-night I feel that the honor and responsibility are intensified, addressing, as I am, descendants of those heroes who, in the Colonial War of 1758, stood their ground, firing from behind trees and stumps, while the regulars of the British army ran past them; and who, without doubt, were the nucleus for the formation of our army, which began its glorious history on the 19th of April, 1775, and which today but awaits the opportunity to add further victories to its already brilliant record.

Our army, when compared with those of the principal foreign nations, is not large in numerical strength. But we must remember that no great nation has so simple a military problem as America. A republican form of government is not compatible with a large and powerful standing army. France, surrounded on every side by enemies, is compelled to maintain one for self-existence. Monarchy, on the other hand, and a large and standing army, are correlative matters. Whereas we have no jealous and threatening neighbors, no inherited race quarrels which are such potent factors in hastening war. We are, by reason of our great numbers and vast territory, absolutely free from all danger of a war of conquest. Our only need, therefore, is that we should be in a condition to discuss international questions with foreign powers without having our greatest cities, and their vast wealth and commercial interests, absolutely at the mercy of those powers.

Gentlemen, when you look back on what our army has done in the past, I do not think you need fear for the future. If, during the Revolution, but 309,781 men were engaged; during the war of 1812, 556,622; during the Mexican War, 112,230, and during the War of the Rebellion, 2,778,304, what is there we could not overcome when you consider the following figures?

The aggregate number of the Regular Army is.....	28,216
The aggregate number of the Militia is.....	116,899
Making a total effective force of.....	145,115
To this add the number of men available for military duty (but unorganized), viz :.....	9,582,806

Shows a total strength of..... 9,727,921  
men, or more than three times as many as were engaged during the four years of the Civil War.

Our little standing guard of 28,216 men is the nucleus of a larger and majestic force, which, when the opportunity and necessity arrive, has its own and peculiar duties to perform. The Adjutant-General's department, Quartermaster-General's, Commissary-General's, Surgeon-General's, Inspector-General's, the Corps of Engineers, the Ordnance department, the Signal Corps, and other staff departments, are all well trained in their duties. The Light and Heavy Artillery, the Cavalry, and the Infantry, are all drilled with the utmost care from "Reveille" to "Taps" from daylight to dark. The Military Academy teaches the young military idea how to shoot like officers, and the Military Recruiting Depots to make it shoot like soldiers.

Now, what is it for? What is the expense of \$23,279,- 402.73, or \$800 to \$900 per man, for? A regular standing army? No! A nucleus for a larger and majestic force? Yes! that's it. Here 14,000 Infantry, 4,300 Artillery, and 6,604 Cavalry—say 25,000 well drilled men. In two months we can have an army of 2,000,000. Yes! And in four months more than 4,000,000; this being less than half the total number of men available for military duty, but unorganized.

This regular army of ours is the yeast, the leaven which, placed with care, will leaven the whole mass. Each private will make a non-commissioned officer, each non-commissioned officer will make a lieutenant or captain, each captain will make a field-officer, and as for privates we will take them from the sturdy and strong men who know little of war, but are there, "rough and ready" to march and fight, and, if necessary, to fall in defense of the nation's colors—"The Red, White and Blue"—the "Old Glory"—the "Star Spangled Banner"—just as our ancestors did 120 years ago.

A recent estimate of the present position of European powers in the matter of armaments is as follows: At the head of all stands Russia, with an army of 858,000 men in peace times, or a percentage of 9 soldiers to every 1,000 inhabitants. Germany comes next with an effective strength of 580,000 men, which works out at 13 per 1,000. France follows Germany with an army of 512,000 men, or 14 per 1,000. Italy comes next with an effective of 300,000, or 10 per 1,000 inhabitants. While the British army is said to have a total effective of 230,000, and a percentage of 6 per 1000. The Spanish army has 100,000 effectives, or a percentage of 6 soldiers per 1,000 inhabitants. These figures are interesting for comparison.

I will ask you to excuse me, gentlemen, for now taking you back to the year 218 B. C.—it is a long time ago—but I want to draw your attention to what was done by an army smaller than our own. I refer to the Carthaginian army, when, with Hannibal in command, it at last stood safely in the valley of the Po ready to start on its great errand of avenging the disgrace and misfortune inflicted on its country in the great Punic War. How Hannibal, with only 26,000 men, braved the Roman armies even when they outnumbered his, more than *four to one*, and with his often half-starved and ill-supplied forces breathed defiance against Rome for half a generation.

My object in referring to this page of ancient history is that I may allay the anxiety of any of you, dear friends, who within the past few minutes have been performing mental calculations with the figures I have just given you, and discovered that some of the nations I mentioned outnumbered our forces to the extent that the Romans outnumbered Hannibal's. The moral I want to draw is this: If the antiquated Captain was able, in the year 218 B. C., to hold his own against such odds, you certainly need have no fear but that Major-General N. A. Miles, with his command of 28,216 men, can "*go him one better*" in the year 1896, A. D.

George Jules Denis was then introduced by the Governor and delivered a bright and witty extemporaneous speech, in which he generally and in a happy style, discussed the various papers which had been read. The exercises were then brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".



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## In Memoriam.



HARRY WOODVILLE LATHAM, the first Secretary and a charter member of this Society, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, on September 30, 1862, and died at his home in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California, on May 14, 1896. He was the son of Mr. George W. Latham who, during the Civil War, served upon the staff of General Robert E. Lee. His maternal grandfather was Mr. Philo Calhoun, for many years president of the First National Bank of New York, a man widely known and respected.

Mr. Latham's boyhood was spent at Bridgeport, Connecticut, where his family then resided. He entered Yale College in 1879, graduating with honors in the class of 1883. While at Yale he was a member of the principal college societies, and took a prominent part in athletics. After his graduation at Yale, he took the regular course of study at the Columbia College Law School, New York, and graduated therefrom. Upon his graduation, he was admitted to the bar and entered the law office of Seward, Griswold, Guthrie & Da Costa, New York, where he spent some time in the practice of his profession.

Owing to ill health in 1887, he came to California, and in 1889 he established himself in the practice of the law at Los Angeles. In 1891 he formed a partnership with M. L. Graff, Esq., and the firm thereupon became attorneys for the Board of Trade.

Mr. Latham was a faithful and consistent member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, of which

organization he had been for several years a valued vestryman and trustee. He was also secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan. He was also a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in California, and also a member of the Sunset Club, and of the California Club, and took a prominent part in social life. He was a deservedly popular young man, a faithful and wise counselor, a hard student, and one who was rapidly attaining distinction in his chosen profession.

The bar of Los Angeles, at a special meeting, adopted resolutions of respect, which were spread upon the minutes of the Superior Court, and also of the United States Circuit Court and the United States District Court, at Los Angeles. A committee of the bar was appointed to attend his funeral, with a like committee from the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, and a like committee from this Society.

The Board of Trade of Los Angeles also adopted resolutions expressing their high regard for the character of Mr. Latham, and their deep sense of loss at his early demise.

The funeral occurred on May 22, 1896, from his home in Pasadena, and the remains were subsequently sent to Bridgeport, Conn., for interment.

Mr. Latham was the first secretary of this Society, and took an active part and deep interest in its organization and in the objects for which the Society was organized.

He exemplified in a marked degree those sterling qualities and devotion to duty which characterized the sturdy Puritans of New England from some of whose distinguished citizens he was a lineal and worthy descendant. He was withal a man of integrity and that sweetness of temper, and gentlemanly bearing which attracted and endeared him to his friends.

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## MEMBERSHIP.

### 7. BREWER, REV. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS.

Seventh in descent from Lieut. Thomas Tracy, 1610-1685. Ensign First Train Band, Norwich, Conn., 1666; and in 1672, Lieutenant in the New London County Dragoons, enlisted to fight the Dutch and Indians. Member of the General Court of Connecticut twenty-seven sessions. Commissary in King Philip's War.

Seventh in descent from Lieut. Thomas Leffingwell, 1622-1657. Rendered important aid to "Uncas", when the latter was besieged by hostile Indians. Lieutenant of the Norwich, Conn., Train Band, 1672; served in King Philip's War; also served in Capt. Denison's famous band of Indian fighters. Deputy to the General Court, 1661-1710, Colony of Connecticut.

### 1. COLLINS, HOLDRIDGE OZRO.

Ninth in descent from Stephen Hart, 1605-1683. Served in Capt. John Mason's Command through the Pequot War of 1637. Deputy from Farmington to the General Court, 1647, 1655, 1660, Colony of Conn.

Ninth in descent from John Plumb, 1594-1648. Served in Capt. Mason's Command in the Pequot War, 1637. Deputy from Wethersfield to the General Court from 1636 to 1642, Colony of Conn.

Ninth in descent from Hugh Calkin, 1600-1690. Deputy from Gloucester to the General Court, 1650-1651, Colony of Massachusetts Bay. Deputy to the General Court from New London and Norwich twenty-two sessions, from 1652 to 1690, Colony of Conn.

Eighth in descent from William Hough,—1683. He was sergeant in the first Military Company of New London. Appointed by the General Court of Connecticut, October, 1675, engineer to erect fortifications in New London during King Philip's War.

Eighth in descent from John Bronson,—1680. Soldier in command of Capt. John Mason during the Pequot War, and participated in the great battle of May 26, 1637. Deputy to the General Court from Farmington, 1651, and subsequently. Colony of Conn.

Eighth in descent from Mathese Blanchan. Served in command of Capt. Martin Kregier in the rescuing expedition against the Indians after the massacre at Esopus, New York, June 7, 1663.

Seventh in descent from Cornelis Barentsen Slecht, —1671. One of the nine signers of the agreement dated May 31, 1658, with Governor Peter Stuyvesant for the settlement of Wiltwyck, and Sergeant of the first Military company of that place. Appointed on May 16, 1661, one of the first three "Schepens" of Esopus, the other two being Evert Pels and Albert Heymans Roosa, and who, with the "Schout" Roeloff Swartwout, composed the first Court of Justice in Ulster County, New York. He fought at the Indian Massacre at Wiltwyck on June 7, 1663, when his children were taken captive, and he served under Captain Martin Kregier in the rescuing expedition which effected their recovery. "He, from the beginning, took a prominent and active part in the affairs of the Church and settlement."

Seventh in descent from Louis Du Bois, 1627–1696. Served in command of Capt. Martin Kregier in the rescuing expedition against the Indians after the massacre at Esopus, New York, June 7, 1663.

Seventh in descent from David Provoost, 1608–1656. Commander of Fort Good Hope, 1642–1647; one of the

“Nine Men” in 1652; Sergeant of the “Blue Flag Company” of the Burgher Corps of New Amsterdam, 1652, Colony of New Netherland.

Seventh in descent from Anthony Thompson, —1647. Signer of the “Compact” with Gov. Eaton and the Rev. John Davenport at New Haven, June 4th, 1639. Soldier in the Indian troubles, 1642, 1643, 1644, Colony of New Haven.

Seventh in descent from Arthur Perry, —1652. Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

Seventh in descent from John Lewis, Jr., 1655-1717. Sergeant of the New London, Conn., Train Band; killed 1717.

Seventh in descent from Samuel Hickox, Sr., —1695. Sergeant of the Waterbury, Conn., Train Band, 1686-1695. Died at his post in the discharge of his military duties.

Seventh in descent from Isaac Brouson, 1645-1719. Sergeant of the Waterbury Train Band, 1695. Deputy from Waterbury to the General Court, 1697-1701, Colony of Conn.

Seventh in descent from Stephen Upson, Sr., 1653-1735. Deputy to the General Court from Waterbury, 1710, 1712, 1729, Colony of Conn. Sergeant of the Waterbury, Conn., Train Band, 1715.

Sixth in descent from Stephen Upson, Jr., 1686-1777. Deputy to the General Court from Waterbury, 1743, 1763, 1765, 1766, and Captain of Militia, Colony of Conn.

Sixth in descent from Abraham DuBois, 1657-1731. Served in the Second Military Expedition against the French in Canada, 1717.

Sixth in descent from Roeloff Swartwout, 1634-1715. “Schout” of Esopus during Indian War of 1663, and member of the Council of Gov. Jacob Leisler, 1689, Colony of New Netherland and New York.

Sixth in descent from Capt. Arie Roosa, 1650—. Captain of a foot company in the Ulster and Dutchess Counties Regiment, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Jacob Rutsen, 1700.

Fifth in descent from Lieut. Jonathan Beebe, 1709—1700. First Lieutenant, Seventh Company, Second Connecticut Regiment, 1759. Served with distinction in the French and Indian War, at Crown Point, Lake George and Ticonderoga.

44. COLTON, ALLEN LYANDER.

Eighth in descent from George Colton. Quartermaster of the Massachusetts Militia, 1699, 1671 and 1677. Deputy to the General Court, Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

2. DENIS, GEORGE JULES.

Sixth in descent from William Hall, —1714. Representative to the Assembly of West Jersey, 1697 and 1701. Appointed Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, 1699. Royal Councillor of the Province of New Jersey, 1708—1713.

3. ELDERKIN, WILLIAM ANTHONY. Lieut.-Col. U. S. A.

Fourth in descent from Col. Jedediah Elderkin, 1717—1793. Deputy from Windham to the General Court, 1751—1783, Colony of Conn. Col. Fifth Regiment Connecticut Militia, March, 1775.

4. FENNER, CHARLES PUTNAM.

Eighth in descent from Thomas Buckingham, —1657. Deputy to the General Court, 1657, New Haven Colony.

Fourth in descent from Rufus Putnam, 1738—1824. Private, 1757, in Col. Fry's Massachusetts Regiment. Private, 1758, in Col. Ruggles' Massachusetts Regiment. Sergeant, 1759, in Col. Ruggles' Massachusetts Regiment. Ensign, 1760, in Col Willard's Massachusetts Regiment. French and Indian War. Served at Saratoga, Fort Edward, Ticonderoga, and Lake Champlain. Brigadier-General, Continental Army.

22. FLINT, FRANK PUTNAM.

Sixth in descent from Thomas Flint, 1645–1721. Soldier in King Philip's War. In Capt. Gardner's Company in service against Narragansetts in 1675.

21. FLINT, MOTLEY HEWES.

Sixth in descent from Thomas Flint, 1645–1721. Soldier in King Philip's War. In Captain Gardner's Company in service against Narragansetts in 1675.

8. HARDEN, EDWARD THOMAS.

Fifth in descent from Col. John Palmer, —1740. Colonel in command of expedition from South Carolina against Yamasse Indians, in Florida, 1727. Aide-de-camp to Gov. Oglethorpe, in campaign against St. Augustine, and killed at Fort Moosa, June 14, 1740.

Fourth in descent from Benjamin Baker, 1717–1785. Soldier from Georgia in the army of Gov. Oglethorpe, in campaign against St. Augustine, Fla., 1740.

19. HAYNES, JOHN RANDOLPH.

Sixth in descent from Ephraim Fellows, 1639—. Trooper in company of Capt. Nicholas Page from Massachusetts, and participated in the "Great Swamp Fight", December 19, 1675.

16. HOLDEN, EDWARD SINGLETON.

Seventh in descent from Maj.-Gen. Humphrey Atherton, —1661. Deputy from Dorchester to the General Court of Massachusetts, 1638, and nine times afterwards. Speaker, 1653. Assistant, 1654–1661. Lieutenant, 1645. Captain, 1646. Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1650. Commanded expedition against Pesoaecus, a Narragansett Chief, 1650. Major-General, 1661.

Seventh in descent from William Blake, 1594-1663, of Dorchester, Mass. A member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

Sixth in descent from Justinian Holden, 1613-1691. A soldier from Massachusetts in King Philip's War, 1676.

**9. Latham, Harry Woodville,** Deceased May 14, 1896.

Eighth in descent from Capt. Thomas Fitch, 1630-1690. Ensign, 1665. Commissioner, 1669. Captain, 1673, and in King Philip's War. Deputy-Governor, 1673, Colony of Conn.

Eighth in descent from Matthew Mitchell, 1590-1645. Deputy to the General Court, May, 1637, which voted "that there should be an offensive warr against the Pequoitt". Trumbull says that "The measures taken by the Court were so spirited that the names of its members deserve perpetuation". Assistant, 1638. Served in the garrison at Saybrook Fort, under Lion Gardner, in the Pequot War. Served in an encounter with the Indians on the Connecticut River, when his brother-in-law, Samuel Butterfield, was killed, October, 1636. Mather says, "His buildings were twice burned by Indians, his cattle destroyed, and his estate to the value of some hundreds of pounds damnified, so that his family suffered more from the Pequot scourge than any in the land".

Eighth in descent from Thomas Sherwood, 1586-1655. Deputy to the General Court of Connecticut, 1645.

Seventh in descent from Joseph Hawley, 1603-1690. Deputy to the General Court of Connecticut eleven terms, between 1665 and 1687.

Seventh in descent from Samuel Sherman, 1618-1684. Deputy to the General Court, May, 1637, which declared that "There should be an offensive warr against the Pequoitt". Trumbull says that "The measures taken by this Court were so spirited that the names of its members deserve perpetuation". Assistant, 1663-1668. Ap-

pointed by the General Court, July 6, 1665, one of a committee to defend the coast from Stratford to Rye, against the Dutch, under Admiral De Reuter, Colony of Conn.

Sixth in descent from Capt. David Sherman, 1665-1753. Ensign of Stratfield, Conn., Train Band, 1703. Lieutenant, 1708. Captain, 1709. Deputy to the General Court, Conn., from Fairfield, 1709.

10. LEE, BRADNER WELLS.

Ninth in descent from Ensign Hugh Welles, 1590-1645. Born in Essex County, England; died in Wethersfield, Conn. Ensign of the Wethersfield, Conn., Train Band. Seventh in descent from Ensign Noah Welles, 1666-1712. Ensign of New London, Conn., Train Band, 1703.

14. MERWIN, REV. ALEXANDER MOSS.

Seventh in descent from Gov. Robert Treat, 1622-1710. Commander at the "Great Swamp Fight". Major commanding Connecticut troops at the battles of Hadley and Springfield. Deputy-Governor, 1676-1686. Appointed Governor, 1686, resigned, 1701. In the encounter with the Indians at Bloody Brook, September 18, 1675, his arrival with the Connecticut troops gained the victory.

20. MCKINSTRY, ELISHA WILLIAMS.

Seventh in descent from Governor William Bradford, 1589-1657. Governor of Plymouth Colony.

5. NICHOLS, HENRY ATHERTON.

Tenth in descent from Gov. Thomas Dudley, 1576-1653. Second Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1634-1640, 1645, 1650. Deputy-Governor, 1630, 1634, 1637-1640, 1646-1650, 1651-1652. Assistant, 1635-1636, 1641-1644. In office continuously twenty-two years. Commissioner for the United Colonies, 1643, 1647, 1649,

and twice President of the United Colonies. Major-General, 1646. Signed the charter of Harvard College, 1650.

Ninth in descent from Daniel Denison, 1612-1682. Captain Massachusetts troops in the Pequot War, 1637. Major-General, 1652-1680. Deputy to the General Court, Massachusetts, 1635-1652. Colonial Secretary, 1653. Commissioner for United Colonies, 1654-1662.

Eighth in descent from John Gilman, 1624-1708. Lieutenant of Exeter, New Hampshire, Militia, 1708; member of the First Council of the Province of New Hampshire, 1680; member of Assembly, 1693-1697. Speaker of the House in 1695. Captain of Exeter, New Hampshire, Militia.

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11. OSGOOD, JOSIAH ALONZO. (Resigned March 7, 1896.)  
Sixth in descent from Capt. John Osgood, Jr., 1630-1693.  
Sergeant, 1658-1661; Lieutenant, 1666-1668; Captain,  
1683, Massachusetts Militia; Deputy from Andover, Mass.,  
to the General Court, 1668, 1669, 1689, 1690.

23. PAYSON, ALBERT HENRY.

Seventh in descent from Philip Eliot, 1602-1657. Member  
of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of  
Boston, Mass., 1638. Deputy to the General Court  
Colony of Massachusetts Bay.

15. PRESCOTT, FRANK CLARKE.

Ninth in descent from Gov. Thomas Dudley, 1576-1653.  
Second Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, 1634,  
1640, 1645, 1650. Deputy-Governor, 1630, 1634, 1637-  
1640, 1646-1650, 1651-1652. Assistant, 1635-1636, 1641-  
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missioner for the United Colonies, 1643, 1647, 1649, and  
twice President of the United Colonies. Major-General,  
1646. Signed the charter of Harvard College, 1650.

17. ROSS, ERSKINE MAYO.

Fourth in descent from John Mayo, 1737-1792. Member of  
Virginia House of Burgesses from Chesterfield County  
in 1769, 1770, 1771, 1775, and from Henrico County in  
1772. Member of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776.

18. THOM, CAMERON ERSKINE.

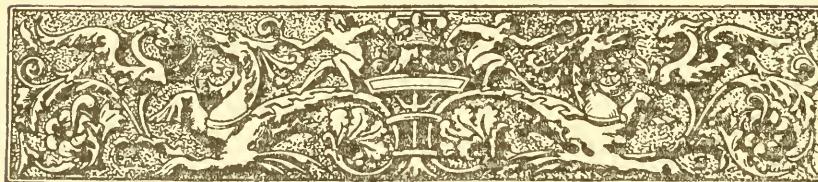
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12. THORPE, ANDREW ROANE.

Fifth in descent from Patrick Henry, 1736-1799. Member of Virginia House of Burgesses, 1765-1783; member of First Continental Congress, September 4, 1774; first Governor of the State of Virginia.

13. THORPE, SPENCER ROANE.

Fourth in descent from Patrick Henry, 1736-1799. Member of the Virginia House of Burgesses, 1765-1783; member of First Continental Congress, September 4, 1774; first Governor of the State of Virginia.



























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